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Body of Knowledge Submission Manual

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Body of Knowledge Outline



Your Name and Bio

Please provide your name as you would like to have it appear in the body of knowledge, *i.e.*, John Doe, Ph.D., MBA, FAAIM. Also, provide a 1-2 paragraph biography of your background, experience, and credentials.

Your Contact Information

Please provide information by which we can reach you. Be sure to make note of the best method by which to contact you.

Certification Program Title

Please provide the title of the certification program for which your body of knowledge is written.

Eligibility Requirements

Please indicate the educational and experience requirements one must meet to be eligible for the certification for which you are writing this body of knowledge.

Target Audience

Please list all target groups that in your estimate would be interested in this certification program.

Program Level

Please use the following definitions to indicate the program level of your body of knowledge:

- 1) Basic – Body of knowledge level most beneficial to individuals new to a skill or an attribute. These individuals are often at the staff or entry level in organizations, although such programs may also benefit a seasoned professional with limited exposure to the areas.
- 2) Intermediate – Body of knowledge level that builds on a basic program, most appropriate for individuals with detailed knowledge in an area. Such persons are often at a mid-level within an organization, with operational and/or supervisory responsibilities.
- 3) Advanced – Body of knowledge most useful for individuals with mastery of the particular topic. This level focuses on the development of in-depth knowledge, a variety of skills, or a broader range of applications. Advanced level programs are often appropriate for seasoned professionals within organizations; however, they may also be beneficial for other professionals with specialized knowledge in the subject area.
- 4) Update – Body of knowledge level that provides a general review of new developments. This level is for participants with a background in the subject area who desire to keep current.
- 5) Overview – Body of knowledge level that provides a general review of a subject area from a broad perspective. These programs may be appropriate for professionals at all organizational levels.

Body of Knowledge Abstract

Please provide a 10–15 sentence overview of the body of knowledge addressing the following:

- 1) Purpose – Why is it necessary to identify this body of knowledge?
- 2) Significance – Why do we care about this body of knowledge? What is the implication for the field of study or community at large in identifying this body of knowledge?
- 3) Solutions – What are the answers or solutions provided in this body of knowledge?
- 4) Application – What actions need to be taken by the audience to perform this body of knowledge successfully in the future?

Key Words

Please list vocabulary that is important to this curriculum.

Task Statements

Please use the following guidelines to write and submit task statements aligned with your body of knowledge:

- 1) Please provide a list of task statements described in your body of knowledge. Be sure to include a minimum of 1 task statement for each section and subsection in your body of knowledge.
- 2) A task statement is a phrase describing an **observable** and **measurable** duty performed in a particular job position. Task statements consist of an action verb followed by a description of the object of the action in specific terms and the nature and source of instructions and/or the immediate result of performing the task. These statements answer the question: What duties should candidates be able to perform successfully in the field discussed in your body of knowledge?

Examples:

- Advise on the preparation and use of instruction books
 - Establish a system of regular reports and analysis from unit supervisors on the progress of their responsibilities and duties
 - Institute policies and procedures to maximize operational efficiency
 - Promote standard operational practices and procedures
- 3) Sometimes, additional details are needed to explain how the task actions are accomplished. This can be done by including a series of "by" statements following the basic statement.

Example:

- Answers questions/provides information to callers by referring to order forms in order to clarify and correct information concerning orders.
- 4) Verbs to avoid when writing task statements: know, understand, learn, appreciate, become aware of, become familiar with.
 - 5) The chart on the following page identifies suggested actions verbs to use when writing your task statements.

| Good Action Verbs for Use in Writing Task Statements | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| accepts | accomplishes | achieves | acquaints | acquires | acts | adapts |
| adheres | adjusts | administers | advances | advises | analyzes | applies |
| appraises | appropriates | approves | arranges | ascertains | assembles | asserts |
| assigns | assists | assumes | assures | attains | attends | audits |
| authorizes | builds | calculates | capitalizes | carries out | challenges | checks |
| circulates | classifies | clears | collaborates | collects | commands | communicates |
| compares | completes | complies | comprehends | computes | concentrates | concur |
| conducts | confers | conforms | conjectures | considers | consolidates | constructs |
| consults | contemplates | continues | contributes | controls | conveys | coordinates |
| corrects | correlates | corresponds | creates | decides | dedicates | delegates |
| delivers | demonstrates | designs | determines | develops | devises | devotes |
| directs | discusses | displays | disposes | disseminates | distinguishes | distributes |
| drafts | effects | elates | emphasizes | employs | encompasses | encourages |
| enforces | enhances | enlightens | ensures | establishes | evaluates | examines |
| executes | exercises | expedites | explores | expresses | faces | facilitates |
| finds | focuses | follows up | formulates | fosters | fulfills | furnishes |
| gains | generates | gives | grasps | handles | helps | hires |
| identifies | implements | improves | informs | initiates | inspects | installs |
| instructs | interacts | interprets | interviews | investigates | issues | maintains |
| makes | manages | meets | monitors | negotiates | notifies | obtains |
| operates | organizes | oversees | paces | participates | perceives | performs |
| places | plans | practices | prepares | prevents | proceeds | processes |
| produces | programs | projects | promotes | proposes | provides | pursues |
| receives | recognizes | recommends | records | regulates | reinforces | releases |
| reports | represents | requires | researches | resolves | responds | reviews |
| revises | schedules | secures | seeks | selects | serves | sets up |
| shows | signs | solves | speaks | specifies | stimulates | studies |
| submits | summarizes | supervises | supplies | supports | takes | terminates |
| traces | trains | transcribes | treats | uses | utilizes | verifies |
| weighs | | | writes | | | |

Body of Knowledge Writing Process



Researching and Writing Content

- 1) Research your topic and find sources
 - a. Ensure credibility of your sources, **i.e. Wikipedia and similar sites are not considered credible academic sources**
 - b. Keep track of your sources
 - c. Include a comprehensive list of all the sources you reference at the end of your body of knowledge
 - d. If referencing online sources, please ensure that you provide accurate web addresses (URLs) for these in your comprehensive references list
- 2) Cite your source each time you reference one in the content
- 3) Structure the content to reflect the Body of Knowledge formatting (see end of document for example).
 - a. The first chapter should be labeled 1 with the appropriate description following this heading.
 - b. The first topic in the chapter should be indicated with a 1.1 to represent the chapter and order of topic, the second should be 1.2, and so forth.
 - c. If you have subtopics to add, establish this with subheadings 1.2.1, 1.2.2, etc.
 - d. The content should be structured to keep all relevant information together, with subtopics following the initial content (if necessary).
 - e. A Table of Contents should be provided with each submission, referencing the sections, chapters, corresponding topics, and subtopics if present.
- 4) Get a word count for your content
 - a. When finished writing the content of your body of knowledge, get a count of the number of words used. This count should not include content from components of the Curriculum Proposal (abstract, objectives, etc.), references, slide titles, etc.
- 5) List the definitions of important vocabulary, terminology, and acronyms used in your content at the end of each major section

Developing Proposed Exam Questions

- 6) Write proposed test questions based on the content of your body of knowledge
 - a. Be sure to use the ASC Item Writing and Review Guide to assist in this
 - b. Quick Reminders:
 - i. 4-answer option Multiple Choice Questions with only one correct answer
 - ii. No True/False
 - iii. No "Both ___ and ___," "None of the Above," or "All of the Above" type answers
 - c. Make note of which section and subsection and/or reference (with page number) corresponds to each test question

Filling out the Required Forms

- 7) Please provide AAIM with completed copies of the following forms:
 - a. Transfer of Copyright for AAIM Body of Knowledge Form
 - b. AAIM Confidentiality Agreement
 - c. AAIM Disclosure Form

Special Instructions for Submitting Your Body of Knowledge

- 8) Authors must submit the body of knowledge in Microsoft Word format (.doc or .docx). The Word document must be double-spaced and formatted appropriately with consistent styles for headers, subheaders, bullets, etc. Please do not include any clip art or photographs.

Submitting all Required Items

- 9) Return the following items to the Association by the due date specified in your contract
 - a. Word document (in appropriate format)
 - b. Word count for content (excluding Abstract, Bio, Objectives, etc.)
 - c. Terminology list (definitions for important vocabulary, terminology, and acronyms)
 - d. Source list/bibliography (include any and all websites)
 - e. Proposed exam questions (in appropriate format)
 - d. A completed and signed Transfer of Copyright for AAIM Form
 - e. A completed and signed AAIM Confidentiality Agreement
 - f. A completed and signed AAIM Disclosure Form

Checklist for BOK Process



Content

- I have researched materials from a variety of credible sources and have listed them in a document as a Source list/bibliography (include any and all websites)
- I have provided a suggested list of task statements
- I have included a Word document in appropriate format
- I have included a terminology list (definitions for important vocabulary, terminology, and acronyms)
- I have provided a word count for content (excluding Abstract, Bio, Objectives, etc.)

Proposed Exam Questions

- I have provided proposed exam questions (in appropriate format)
 - I have created the appropriate number of Test Questions
 - My questions have no True/False type items
 - My multiple choice questions have four answer choice options
 - I have no questions with answer choices of “both ___ and ___,” “none of the above,” or “all of the above”

Required forms

- I have signed all required forms including the Transfer of Copyright for AAIM Form, the AAIM Confidentiality Agreement, and the AAIM Disclosure Form

Materials Submission

- I have submitted all required items to my point of contact at the Association

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2.1.4 Emergency Care

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